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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS:**

In response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.**Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 6 of this paper.**